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## **CHERRY NAMED TO BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON HIGHER EDUCATION**

(LANSING) – State Senator Deborah Cherry (D-Burton) was recently named to The Blue Ribbon Panel on the Civic Good of Higher Education. Organized by the Michigan Campus Compact, the panel was created to gather and report findings that support higher education in the state of Michigan.

“I am thrilled to be selected to serve on a panel whose work match’s Governor Granholm’s push to produce more community-minded college graduates statewide,” Sen. Cherry said.

Sen. Cherry’s enthusiasm will be used to support campus civic engagement across the state, highlight the cost savings of such involvement and to reinvigorate communities through the civic activity of college students.

The panel will hold hearings across the state to develop a white paper on the issue. The white paper will be followed by the launch of a website and other activities to promote civic awareness in Higher Education.

The next three hearings will be held at the following locations: March 19, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., at Kirtland Community College in Roscommon; March 26, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., at Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, and April 2, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw/University Center.

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Sen. Deborah Cherry represents the 26<sup>th</sup> Senate District. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee, where she sits on the Higher Education, Department of Community Health, Department of Natural Resources and Capital Outlay subcommittees.